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LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The members of the Council have considered your report of 31 March 1994 on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II) (S/1994/374).

The members of the Council commend you, your Special Representative, the three observer States, the Organization of African Unity and neighbouring States for the efforts aimed at the prompt resolution of the Angolan crisis, and express the strong hope that these efforts will be continued.

The members of the Council have reaffirmed the importance they attach to the prompt and successful conclusion of the Lusaka peace talks. They believe that it is essential that the parties approach the remaining issues with realism and the necessary political will, within the framework of the "Acordos de Paz".

Council members are concerned at continuing outbreaks of hostilities in Angola and their impact on the civilian population in terms of loss of life and property. They expressed their deep concern at continued offensive military actions and demand the cessation of all such actions immediately. They condemn any action that threatens the free and unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance to all in need in Angola.

The members of the Council have reaffirmed their readiness, depending on the progress achieved towards the full implementation of the "Acordos de Paz" and relevant resolutions of the Security Council, to consider further action in accordance with previous Security Council resolutions.

The members of the Council consider that the Lusaka peace talks are of crucial importance, and are determined to continue to monitor them closely. In that regard, they have asked me to recall the importance they attach to receiving timely briefings on the state of the Lusaka talks and on the situation in Angola.

(Signed) Colin KEATING
President of the Security Council